

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A fire alarm (1) comprising a flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4) for installation in a ceiling, a base (1.5) connected with the flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4), a fire alarm insert (1.1) connected to the base (1.5) and carrying a radiation receiver (1.2) and a radiation transmitter (1.3) which are spaced from one another, a covering cap (3), and a sheet (2, 2.1) having a color substantially corresponding to a color of the ceiling, spaced from the base (1.5) and located between the covering cap (3) and the fire alarm insert (1.1) to cover the fire alarm insert (1.1), wherein the covering cap (3) has a recess into which the sheet (2, 2.1) is inserted, and wherein the covering cap (3) is transparent to expose a the color of the sheet (2, 2.1), wherein the transmitter and the receiver provided on the insert (1.1) extend through the sheet (2, 2.1) to the transparent covering cap (3).

Claim 2 cancelled.

3. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the covering cap (3) is convex in shape.

4. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the covering cap (3) has a mat finish, at least in some areas.

5. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the covering cap (3) is detachably connectable with the fire alarm insert (1.1) of the fire alarm (1).

6. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the connecting means between the covering cap (3) and the fire alarm insert (1.1) are configured as releasable detent elements or as a Velcro closure.

7. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the sheet (2, 2.1) is colored and/or has a pattern on it.

8. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the sheet (2, 2.1) is colored on both sides and/or has a pattern on both sides, different colors and/or patterns being provided for each side of the sheet (2, 2.1).

Claim 9 cancelled.

10. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the sheet (2, 2.1) is neutral in color and has a surface structure that can be painted in a common ceiling color.

Claim 11 cancelled.

12. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transmitter and said receiver are arranged on the

insert such that a scattering point is located outside a light scattering smoke detector.

Claims 13-14 cancelled.